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Defense Systems Management College  
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Mr. Tripp was born in, and attended primary schools, in Washington State. Mr. Tripp began an enlisted Air Force career in 1966 and performed military duties at several U.S. locations and completed a tour at Phu Cat AB, Republic of Vietnam in 1969. He reached the rank of Technical Sergeant and was selected for the Airmen’s Education and Commissioning Program in 1971.

Following commissioning in September 1974 as Distinguished Graduate of Officer Training School, Mr. Tripp completed Undergraduate Pilot Training and held assignments as a KC-135 Squadron Co-pilot and Aircraft Commander. He completed Lead-In Fighter Training in 1981 and while flying the A-10, performed duty as Flight Commander and Instructor Pilot. He held numerous positions in the Pentagon, Washington DC in Acquisition and Requirements areas from 1990 to 1996. He joined the F-16 System Program Office as an Acquisition officer in 1996, taking charge of all F-16 International Programs for several years. After serving a year as Inspector General for the 51<sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing at Osan AB, Republic of Korea (ROK,) Mr. Tripp served as Director for Air Force and Army Programs at HQ JUSMAG-K in Seoul. Mr. Tripp served at four flying or Headquarters assignments in the ROK scattered over a period from 1985 to 2001. He finished his USAF active duty career with consecutive tours in SAF/IA as Chief, Pacific Division, and then Chief, Armaments Cooperation Division prior to retiring in 2004 and joining the faculty of the Defense Acquisition University in 2005. Colonel (ret) Tripp served over 38 years in the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Tripp is married with two children.

**EDUCATION:**

- 1974 Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering, University of Wyoming  
(Summa Cum Laude)
- 1980 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB AL (Distinguished Graduate)
- 1985 Air Command and Staff College
- 1993 Master's Degree in Public Administration from Troy State University, Alabama  
(4.0 GPA)
- 1995 Air War College
- 1995 Advanced Program Management Course, Defense Systems Management College,  
Ft. Belvoir VA
- 1999 Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management Overseas Course

**INTERESTS:** Reading, Tennis, Golf